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SUBJECT: US/USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: PROJECT V-3.1,
PROTECTED NATURAL AREAS AND NATIONAL PARKS 02.05.31

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1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING DATED SEPT. 13, 1976 TO
DR. B. N. BOGDANOV, MAIN CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATION, USSR
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE WITH COPY TO KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET.

2."DEAR DR. BOGDANOV: IT IS WITH REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM
YOU THAT WE HAVE DECIDED TO CANCEL THE VISIT OF THE US V-3.1
GROUP UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF DR. SUDIA TO THE SOVIET UNION
WHICH WAS SCHEDULED FOR 28 SEPTEMBER - 8 OCTOBER, 1976. THIS
DECISION WAS MOTIVATED LARGELY BY THE CONTINUED DIFFICULTIES
WHICH BOTH SIDES HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN ESTABLISHING AN ACTIVE
EXCHANGE OF EXPERTS TO UNDERTAKE THE STUDIES IN PARKS AND
RESERVES OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES AS HAD BEEN PROPOSED. ON ALL
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SIDES, THE CONTINUED RESTRICTIONS PREVENTING A "RECEIVING

SIDE PAYS" ARRANGEMENT HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE
LONGER TERM VISITORS AS THE PROJECT HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

3. "THEREFORE, I PROPOSE THAT RATHER THAN UNDERTAKING THE
SCHEDULED MEETING OF PROJECT LEADERS, YOU, DR. KRINITSKY,

AND I TAKE THE TIME DURING THE COURSE OF MY VISIT TO MOS-
COW FOR THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING IN NOVEMBER, TO REVIEW
THE FUTURE OF THE PROJECT AND DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT IT
SHOULD BE CONTINUED.

4. "IN THIS CASE I WOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE IN MOSCOW NOVEM-
BER 10 IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH PROJECT V-3 AND ALSO TO CON-
CLUDE AND, IF POSSIBLE, SIGN OUR US/USSR CONVENTION ON
MIGRATORY BIRDS. SINCERELY YOURS, E. U. CURTIS BOHLEN,
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE AND PARKS
" ROBINSON

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